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**Subject:** In short, why I am against the settlement

Competition is the key to open, productive markets. It has been ruled that Microsoft has used its monopoly in several sectors to wipe out competition in others.

I have been a computer programmer for six years, my first four of which were exclusively on Microsoft operating systems. I have been programming in Java for the last two years on Windows, linux, and Sun Solaris.

I think that the file formats to Office, Visual Studio, Windows Media Player, and numerous others should be submitted to standards committes such as ANSI.

The proposal suggested by California and eight other states to reveal the source code behind Microsoft Internet Explorer browser and include support for Sun Microsystems' Java in Windows is also good.

As it stands, my professional livelihood is threatened by Microsoft, due to proprietary lock-in to its products. Simply put, Microsoft has tried to destroy Java and is in an open war with Linux.

I am constantly sent proprietary Microsoft files while I am programming on non-Microsoft products.

How will the proposed settlement address these grievances? Clearly to me, they were not intended to.

I would like Microsoft to win me over to their products, not eliminate the competition as it has largley done to Netscape.

It is clear that Microsoft is at war with end user self-determinization.

Look now how Microsoft is using Windows Media Player to destroy Realplayer, look now how Internet Explorer insists on using Microsoft's proprietary Visual Basic Scripting engine while viewing web pages that do not use it.

Look now how Microsoft is manipulating this case to

actually increase its dominance by getting itself into schools.

In short, Microsoft products only work with other Microsoft products. There is a need to open up their file formats to standards committees. there is a need to open the source code to Internet Explorer so it is possible to view the entire web without a Microsoft Operating System.

Thanks for your time.

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